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WILL RE-ESTABLISH STAR

ROUTE

SOUTHWEST FAIR WILL

HAVE OKLAHOMA DAY At a meeting held yesterday the board of directors of the Southwest Fair Association decided to observe a day to be known as Oklahoma Day

at the coming fair. Thursday, September 14, was selected to be advertised and celebrated as Oklahoma Day. Arrangements have been made for the merchants of Liberal to close their stores all afternoon in honor of the occasion and the business streets and fair grounds will be decorated especially for the day.

Letters have been sent to representative citizens of the following towns in Oklahoma: Tyrone, Hooker, Guymon, Optima, Goodwell, Texhoma, Floris, Lorena, Forgan, Beaver, LaKemp, Gray, Balko, Dombey, Boyd, and Grand Valley. It is hoped to have a delegation from each of these points, so that we anticipate there will be two or three thousand people from Oklahoma on Oklahoma

The program for Oklahoma Day will include a good strong race card of four or five events, a ball game, band concert, balloon ascension, parachute drop, open air comedy, revolving ladder act, open air juggling act, not to mention a good line of concessions, including Ferris wheel, merry-go-round, motordome, tidal wave, big tent show and a number of other attractions.

In addition to this, the Fair Association has arranged with the Nebraska Feature Film Co. to have an operator on the grounds during the fair to take motion pictures of the races, ball games, balloon ascension, principal stock exhibits and the crowds of people in the grand stand and on the grounds. These pictures will be advertised at a later date and shown in Liberal at the Majestic The-

The merchants should all prepare to decorate their windows for the day, Thursday, September 14.

NEW ATTORNEY IN TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Davis arrived Sunday from Kansas City, Kansas, and will make their home in Liberal from now on. Mr. Davis is open a law office here in the near future. He was formerly connected this week installed a modern comand has the appearance of one who next few days have an automatic advantages, the social opportunities towns with greater population have can make good. Incidentally Mr. chese cutter, a computing scale and and the nearness to the larger cities had parades of this nature but it is you will realize it is quite a relief to the primary class after September Davis is a Democrat in political faith, a large National cash register. and a Democratic lawyer in Liberal will be quite an innovation.

NOTICE

conducted at the same place-next the state during the past summer. to Rinaldo's shoe repair shop, where insurance of all kinds, renting of houses and real estate will be sold. THE MATKIN AGENCY.

Fall Millinery

Last spring and summer was by far the largest millinery season we have ever had. Our Millinery Department grows by leaps and bounds--why? Because we believe in securing the best trimmer and designer to be had for this department and always give them positive instructions to deliver

The Very Best in Style and Quality

On as Little a Margin of Profit as Possible

as we consider our millinery department the biggest advertisement we have. styles are in and we have surpassed all previous efforts in assembling this fall stock. In variety of shapes and range of price, we think our showing is unsurpassed in this or any other town in this great Southwestern country. We have been very fortunate in securing Mrs. Pearl Deurmeyer, a trimmer and designer of much experience to take complete charge of our Millinery Department for fall, and she will be pleased to meet you any time.

"38 Years' Successful Merchandising"

CHAS. SUMMERS & SONS

LIBERAL, KANSAS

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

DALHART, TEXAS

IT FINALLY RAINED

heat has been broken and from now

on it won't be quite such a hard job

north and south of Liberal report

heavier rains than we received here.

enough to help the row crops won-

Mrs. Harry Noel is here from Ama-

ADDING NEW FIXTURES

W. E. Wilson, who recently moved his grocery stock to the Craig build- will return to Liberal and remain for the second day of the fair prom- Pluvius as having gone into eternal new business that he has been coman attorney by profession and will pelled to add a few new fixtures to Agricultural College at Manhattan, with the district attorney's office in partment refrigerator that carries all Kansas City. He is a graduate of the the latest agonies in the way of savlaw department of Kansas University ing a clerk's time, and will in the the new home, with the great school this kind held at Liberal. Other tire state and the whole southwest ditions have been better with him salary for his services at the college, Having purchased the interest of than any former year since he has which required all his time and at H. N. Witt in the business conducted been here, notwithstanding the short- the end of the year he found that he of floats decorated for advertisements in the name of H. N. Witt & Co., I age of wheat production and the was not progressing as he had been wish to state the business will be drought that has prevailed all over

> C. J. Bowles of the Lafayette community transacted business matters in Liberal Saturday.

DR. NICHOLS BACK TO LIBERAL

permanently. Two years ago, Dr. ises to run far ahead of all expecta- retirement have been surprised twice Nichols accepted the position of med-tions. Up to the present time there since our last issue. On Saturday properly handle the same. He has and disposing of a number of perfamily to Manhattan. The change to as there has never been anything of you consider the dry weather the enhad the attractions, but as Dr. Nichsides this he has been compelled to ols has related, the opportunities for increase his stock to take care of his his making money at his profession eral's size have ever undertaken trade, Mr. Wilson says business con- were limited. He received a living anything of the kind on a large scale. when he had a practice at Liberal. And then, too, he believes that there is a greater future in his profession in Liberal, where he has an extended acquaintance, than would ever occur in the limited sphere at the college at Manhattan. The position at Manhattan is a good one for an old man who does not desire to expand in his work and could be content with a salary, but Dr. Nichols is as yet young and ambitious. The call of Liberal became too urgent for further resistance and before the school term begins, the Dr. Nichols family will be at home in their residence on Washington avenue north. Liber-

> HARVESTING BROOM CORN Broom corn harvest has started all

al will welcome them.

their respective lines.

BIG PARADE WILL DRAW

Dr. Roscoe T. Nichols and family. The trade and floral parade planned have been a very large number of en- night Liberal received .28 of an inch tries assured and at this early date the showing is remarkably good.

as we know not many towns of Lib-

parade will have thirty or more cars but the little that fell here will be by the merchants, and nearly that many decorated by others for beauty shape for plowing. alone. Then there will be comic floats and rigs of every description.

The prize for the most comic rig or float is \$10 and for the prettiest float or car, \$10, but no car that is decorated for advertising purposes is eligible to compete for either of these prizes.

A good many of the merchants and others have already placed their orders for decorations. Those who are going to require any paper flowers or other special decorations should take the matter up at this time, so that there will be no delay at the last minute.

About 50 members of the Y. P. B met at the playgrounds Monday evening, where they were soon gathered into hay racks and autos and taken to the knoll on the Sewell farm for a moonlight picnic. Rev. H. F. Bolton acted as chaperon for the young folks and those who heard his many interesting stories during the evening are sure he got as much pleasure out of the trip as anyone. A well prepared luncheon was taken along and the evening was one of much pleasure. The Y. P. B., by the way, is an organization of Liberal's in character and devoted to high ideals and a wholesome, pleasant time for its members. Anyone desiring to know anything about it can find out by inquiring of Miss Irene Vickers, president or Miss Grace

Ralph Madison is here from Omaha, Nebraska, this week attending to business matters and meeting old friends. Mr. Madison was at one time connected with the Rock Island here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Falls returned Saturday from their trip to Colorado.

Postmaster E. S. Irwin has this week received information from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General that the star route formerly conducted between Liberal and Hugoton will be re-established on September 25. The route will be from Liberal by Ematon to Hugoton, returning by Lafayette to Liberal. It has not yet been decided whether it will be a daily or a tri-weekly service, but bids for either will be received by Postmaster Irwin or the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General up to September 12, after which date it will be definitely decided by the Post Office department as to the number of trips made per week by the carrier. This is the old route that was discontinued after the Santa Fe began operations through Stevens county. As the mail service to Hugoton at this time is a rather slow procedure, having to go around by way of Dodge City, the people of both towns and the farmers living between here and Hugoton have kept up a continual fight for the re-establishment of this route, with the result that the departmental red tape has been sufficiently unwound to start the ball to rolling. It will be a decided convenience for both towns and the people who are to be served by the route.

TWO NEW PHYSICIANS

Drs. O. O. Goben and R. W. Freeman arrived this week from Oklahoma City to establish an office in Liberal. Dr. Goben is a specialist in diseases of women and chronic cases, and Dr. Freeman confines his practice to eye, ear, nose and throat work. These gentlemen have been engaged in the profession together at Chickasha, Oklahoma, a number of years, but are well enough impressed with the looks of Liberal and the general prosperous appearance of things around here to locate and establish an office. They are both experienced practitioners in their lines and should find Liberal an excellent town in The people who had figured J. which to hang out their shingles.

LIBERAL SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 4

All departments of the Liberal schools will open for work September 4. The teaching force in both grades of rain and early Monday morning a and high school has been increased half inch fell, making a total of .78 The people surrounding Liberal of an inch. This was not a toad and every effort is being put forth sonal effects in Liberal, moved his have a big treat in store for them, strangler by any means, but when in preparation for a successful school

As has been the custom heretofore, anyhow. We believe the excessive 18. Pupils who have never attended 18 must wait until the second term begins, January 29.

> Further announcements will appear next week.

ALL BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE derfully and put the land in fair

The Chamber of Commerce reports that the banks and barber shops have been added to the list of business houses which will close from noon rillo, Texas, visiting at the home of until 6 p. m. on September 14th and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Et- 15th. This completes the list of business houses.

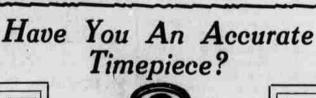
A RECEIPT

For Each Bill Paid---

is the advantage of having a checking account. To those who earnestly seek a better way of transacting business, we invite your patronage.

First National Bank LIBERAL, KANSAS

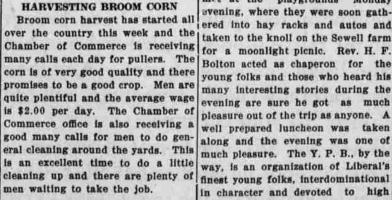
Member of The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and operating under U. S. Government supervision and control.





Can you look at your watch and know that it is correct? If you have a good watch that doesn't keep time, come in, we will guarantee to make it do so; or, if you are in need of a good one, our line of Hamilton, Howard, Elgin, and Waltham watches is complete in every respect. A call will convince.

O. J. WILKINS, Jeweler At Taylor's



A deal was made this week whereby the real estate busines sformerly conducted by H. N. Witt & Co. was sold to G. E. Matkin and son, G. E., junior. They have an announcement Blatchley, secretary. to that effect in this issue of the Democrat. Insurance and rentals will also be handled by the new firm. Mr. Matkin and son are both experienced real estate and clerical men and the Democrat hopes they get a due share of the town's business in